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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Centralization of all Security Clearances

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1. Mr. [REDACTED] called me this date and informed me that Mr. Kirkpatrick's Committee had briefed Mr. McCone and General Carter on certain matters concerning this Office. He said that they recommended that all types of security clearances granted by this Agency in any form, including [REDACTED] TALENT and SI, should be centralized in a registry in this office. He added that Mr. McCone approved this idea and that we would be directed to implement it almost immediately. He desires to meet with me Tuesday, the 12th of March. He further added that they had informed Mr. McCone that this Office needs more professional personnel in order to satisfactorily meet our present job requirements. He said that while this is not yet official, the idea was looked upon with favor.

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2. With reference to the centralization of the clearances, I asked Mr. [REDACTED] if they contemplated that all briefings and the signatures on secrecy agreements would be done by personnel from the Central Registry. He replied that this was not necessarily included in the present plan and would not be mandatory. That due to geographic factors certain of the briefings could be delegated to the Security Officers directly assigned to the various components.

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